

# The Heron

## Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



2018 SPRING EDITION

Pam Williams, Editor

### THE PREZ SEZ...

GREETINGS: From our front deck in Bay Harbor....

It's here! ....mark your calendars NOW!

for the

### 2018 Bay Harbor Improvement Association Annual Meeting.

When?! June 9th

What time?! 5pm

Where?! Bay Harbor Pavilion

(also, a silent auction will open at 4:30pm and the fishing tournament will begin Friday evening!)

We are in the planning stage, but it should be a super meeting. We have an award winning, Houston Rodeo Cook off Team provided by Jack Hopkins. The team will prepare brisket, chicken and beans with all the fixin's. We encourage everyone to bring a side, appetizer or dessert and your favorite drink. We also have planned live music, a silent auction that will begin at 4:30 and the fishing tournament. It's a great time to meet your neighbors and learn more about the association. More information will be on the B.H.I.A. website ([www.bhiatx.org](http://www.bhiatx.org))

I want to take this opportunity to express my "Thanks and Gratitude" to the B.H.I.A. Board, for a "GOOD JOB", especially recognizing Gail Choate our secretary/treasurer for her 25 years of service, Pam Williams the editor of the "Heron" and Cathy Winsor, our webmaster. Members of the B.H.I.A. Board have met with Galveston City officials concerning repairs of our streets, signage and drainage as well as the Galveston Bay Foundation concerning dredging of our channel, etc. What an outstanding group of neighbors to work with.

We also have Board elections at each annual meeting. If you are a member of the Association and have a neighbor who is not a member, take the time to encourage them to come to the annual meeting and join. Our dues are only \$150 a year which gives you a key to the fishing dock, use of the boat launch and the pavilion. "What a Deal"! Your dues also pay for lights, water, the entrance signs, mowing of the common areas, insurance, general maintenance, the annual meeting, newsletters and our website.

See you there!

Bob Seay  
President B.H.I.A.



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**July 2017- June 2018**

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**B.H.I.A. BOAT LAUNCH and FISHING PIER**

Advantages of membership in the Bay Harbor Improvement Association include the facility to launch your boat from our bayside boat basin and to crab or fish from our pier located adjacent to the Pavilion. To launch your boat or enter the pier gate, a key is needed which can be obtained from our Secretary/Treasurer, Gail Choate, who resides at 4016 4th Street and can be contacted by phone 409-737-1707 or by email at [gschaote@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gschaote@sbcglobal.net).

There have been incidences where renters expect to be able to fish on the pier or launch their boats but have not been aware of the need for the key to open the locks for access to the bay. We'd like to encourage anyone who leases their property to join the association, obtain the key, and leave instructions regarding the pier and boat launch.

In the case that Gail is not available to issue the key for the boat ramp and fishing pier, May Bonno has the authority to take payment for dues and subsequently issue a key. May can be contacted through her email [maybonno@att.net](mailto:maybonno@att.net) and she will respond to your request.

**STREET REPAIRS IN BAY HARBOR**

March 29 I met with Walter Hawkins with the City of Galveston. He is a supervisor over street repair and paving. We drove around Bay Harbor together and looked at the roads. He said he would put in work orders and get started on the repairs starting with the road between Galceran and the pavilion.

Then on April 6 I made a trip up to City Hall, Room 205 to talk to Anthony Arcidiacono, Supervisor over sewers and drainage. He wasn't in but I talked to his assistant about the drainage issues in Bay Harbor. She said she would put in work orders and leave message for him that I was there. I will continue to follow up with phone calls this next week.

Don Gray



3:30 PM, May 1st 2018...Dearly Beloved..

May we please have a moment of silence for the passing of the month of APRIL? Amen !!!  
Holy Mole'...is there a worse month to try and catch a Trout than the month of April? \_  
NOT\_ !!!!

Last couple of weeks of March weren't bad, we caught some of the largest male Trout I've ever seen. Male Trout up to twenty two inches are impressive. There's a rumor, male Trout must be at least half the length of the female to spawn. That would put a female Trout close or over forty inches, add a couple of sacks of eggs...that my friend... would be a world record. A thirty inch, double digit Trout has long been the "Holy Grail" for Trout fishermen up and down the Texas coast. You start talkin' forty inch trout, loaded with eggs, she may go fifteen pounds. OMG...sign me up...of course this rant has absolutely no validation in any reality and it's been imaginative thinking like this that has lead me to this fisherman's dream of a life. It has absolutely nothing to do with the mushrooms I recently harvested from the cow pasture down 3005. I believe those were portobellos, possibly porcini, made a dam nice burger. Rust never sleeps.

If you want to catch a Trout in March or April in West Bay you definitely have to wade fish. Get out of the boat and take a stroll down a protected shoreline. Throw a 4 inch paddle tail sea shad or Mirrorlure Little John on a eight ounce head in moving water. If your fishing San Luis Pass area you need to fish the tide change from out going to incoming or vice versa. The current at the Pass must be respected and definitely the focus of any wading expedition. Peak out going and incoming currents at the Pass move to fast and are to strong to fish. Trout seek out structure and eddies where they can ambush bait fish caught in the strong currents without having to exert a lot energy to feed.

We couldn't buy a trout or a red fish from the boat. You can drift till you die. A couple of charters, I had to pay them to fish with me, humiliation abounds. We did have some luck drum fishing around the Pass, anchored up in 12 -17 ft. of water, soaking dead bait on the bottom. Black Drum are the Dangerfield's of West Bay. We caught some pretty good size drum thirty two to thirty six inches. Large Drum make a grown man giggle like a school girl. There is not a better pull in the world when Big Ugly is on the line. Puppy Drum running eighteen to twenty two inches are excellent table fare. You probably eat Black Drum at your favorite sea food place under the name of Snapper or Sea Bass. They are a commercially harvested fish. Beautiful white flakey meat, not to fishy, excellent half shelled and grilled or dipped in some panko and fried. Extra horse radish in my cocktail sauce please.

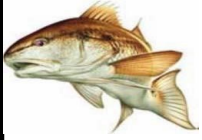


So March was ok for a week or so, towards the end. April beat me like a rented mule. Then the weekend warrior's bane of existence raised its ugly head. Five straight weekends of cold fronts arriving late Friday night or early Saturday morning. Three days pre frontal conditions, wind out of the south and southeast as high as twenty five mph. Post frontal conditions wind out of the North, North East twenty five to thirty mph, mercilessly, for the next 3 days. Rinse and repeat for the next 5 weekends. SCHEECH !!!

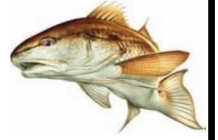
I make no claim to be Master or Commander when it comes to Mother Nature. I am and will forever be the eternal student. Salty dilettantes beware. No if's, and's or but's we are just not in charge. It's gonna get hard before it gets easier is this mode of opporandi. Lo and behold a week ago today, the change came. Martin scouts briefly showed up at the house, then left to fetch their families. And the wind stopped. Yes Sir, dead calm, chamber of commerce Monday morning. You have to love those Mondays. They make it all worthwhile, better than sex!

The Trout are here. Yes sir! Trout started showing up last Monday and we actually caught some nice fish drifting believe it or not. We have small brown shrimp migrating into the bay from the Gulf and large white shrimp migrating out of the marsh headed toward the Gulf. Plus clouds of small shad are everywhere. Mullet have spawned as well. The beach front is littered with the legs and claws of baby crab that have been annihilated by Red Fish and Black Drum. It's the perfect storm of bait and bait fish at the moment. Tide runners are gorging themselves on the flats. If your a wader, grab your favorite Top water and go get you some. Big Harry and I have had several wades at the Pass with some moderate success. There is not a more exciting way to catch a Trout than on a top water lure period. The next couple of months are some of the best fishing of the year. Keep an eye out on the beach front for flat, green to beach days. Hey! It's our time of year.

For the next couple of months all fisherman will go from ZERO's to HERO's, I guarantee it. The Trout we call tide runners invade our bays to eat, spawn and are more easily targeted than any other time of the year. Female Trout will be loaded with eggs. A twenty two to twenty five inch trout will spawn millions of eggs and will continue to do so as long as they are alive. I love catching those bigger trout. However, by keeping those larger egg laden females, I am taking a lot more than just one fish out of the bay. There's nothing better than a fresh fish meal with family and friends. I love to eat what I catch. That one twenty two inch trout could equal 100. A twenty two inch Trout can feed four people. How many kids do you have? It is not a one to one ratio of fish to people. Ten twenty two to twenty five inch trout will feed fifty people. There is no spawn in my freezer. There is not a law that requires me to keep every fish I catch. The math is fairly simple. I will catch more of what I release versus what I keep. Within the next year TP&W will have scoping meetings and the ten fish Galveston Bay limit, the only ten fish limit on the Texas coast will be reduced to five. If I've learned anything the past three years living on the Island full time is there's a tremendous amount of pressure on our fish in Galveston Bay. More people fishing, more fishing contest, better equipment, GPS and Social Media all take there toll on the fish. Despite the creel surveys that contradict what I've been catching in the bay, this spring I plan on being pro active and practice catch and release more frequently. By leaving my ego at the dock and more fish in the water I will be perpetuating the sport I love for the people I love. I can tell you from my own experience that when I see a photo of a large fish that I've caught, photographed and released there's a certain amount of pride having done something for the greater good of man and fish. It's not about catching less but keeping less and hopefully continue the catching into the future. Just keep five. Fish on !



# Bay Harbor Fishing Tournament



**JUNE 8th & 9th, 2018**

Registration: Must be registered by 8:00 p.m. Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>.

Register by contacting Tim Kurtin by phone (713)254-8166 or fishbaffin@comcast.net

## DIVISIONS and PRIZES

Prizes for all divisions & Categories above based on fish length

### Adult (17 and Over) - Entry Fee \$25.00

Speckled Trout    1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$60 Cash,  
                          2<sup>nd</sup> Place = \$30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise,  
                          3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)

Redfish            1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$60 Cash  
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Flounder           1<sup>st</sup> Place = \$60 Cash  
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### Youth (Ages 11-16) - Entry Fee \$15.00

Speckled Trout    1<sup>st</sup> Place = 2 tickets to Schliterbahn (Child Entry),  
                          2<sup>nd</sup> Place = 1 ticket to Schliterbahn (Child Entry),  
                          3<sup>rd</sup> Place = \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)

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### Small Fry (Ages 10 and under) - Entry Fee \$5.00

1st, 2nd 3rd place in each category receive 1 ticket to Schliterbahn

**Special Category All Divisions:** Most Unusual (Legal) Species (\$20 Cash)

Also, cash prizes for the Biggest fish (\$20), 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest fish (\$15) and 3<sup>rd</sup> biggest fish (\$10)

Summary of current fishing regs showing min and max sizes for common species:

Gafftop (14" min.), Redfish (20" to 28" - no tagged Redfish), Speckled Trout (15" - 25", 1  
oversize), Sheepshead (14" min.), Flounder (14" min.), Drum, black (14" - 30"), Shark (24" min.)





# Garden Club



The garden club began the new year with a well attended meeting at the home of Irene Burgess, the newly elected President. Peggy Cornelius of Tom Thumb Nursery spoke about the organic garden. She advised that the nursery will soon only offer organic products. After answering the member's many questions, Peggy provided small potted flowers to everyone. Refreshments were served and all marveled at the cute artwork that Irene had created in her home.



The April meeting was a lot of fun as well and celebrated the diversity of our Bay Harbor neighborhood by visiting two homes, one new and one of the original fish camps! Around 20 members started the home tour at the newly built house of David and Margaret Labbe where a delicious brunch was served with the help of neighbor Dana Kurtin. After lively conversation along with special mimosas, David spoke briefly about some of the challenges that can be faced when building in Galveston. Next the group



proceeded to the adorable "Blue Cottage" that was built in 1960 and is now owned by Chris and Marianna Hauck who own a landscaping company and have turned the property into a lush landscape bordered by palms

and bamboo. After touring the large and lush gardens, The Haucks surprised everyone by distributing large potted and hanging plants to all of the participants.



The June meeting will take place at the home of May Bonno and Vicki Engler and will explore a variety of herbs that can be grown in our gardens on the west end. Saving and cooking tips will also be provided.

Rsvps are very helpful for planning the refreshments and can be sent to either irene-burgess@sbcglobal.net or maybonno@att.net.

Remember: dues are due! (\$20 annually per family)

Garden Club meetings are free to Garden Club members a small fee of \$5 if you are not a paid up member.

## Silent Auction Items Needed for Annual BHIA Meeting

If you have any items that might sell at our BHIA silent auction at the annual meeting on June 9, or can solicit or make any, please let Cathy Winsor know ([cathyfwinsor@gmail.com](mailto:cathyfwinsor@gmail.com) or 281-995-8502) by June 7 what you are able to contribute. In order to prepare silent auction bid sheets, please include a description of the item(s), and an approximate retail value of the item(s). Emailing or texting a picture would also be helpful. Your community thanks you!



Our community has been saddened by the passing of Sammy Myers, a long time resident who lived on 4th Street and was so helpful to his many neighbors. Sammy was avid fisherman who could often be seen traveling in his golf cart with his dogs Bo and Duke by his side. Sammy would always offer up a joke that would put a smile on your face. He will be missed dearly.

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**Bay Harbor Classifieds**

Rates: For a 2" wide, \$2.00 per line (minimum of 3 lines).

## Bay Harbor Improvement Association

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## Upcoming Events

### MAY

- 5 & 12 GHF Home Tour
- 08 World Ocean's Day Festival 4-8p Stewart Beach
- 11 & 12 Yaga's Wild Game Barbeque Cookoff — 21st & Harborside
- 13 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
- 16 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 19 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 25-27 MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

### JUNE

- 02 Galveston Art Walk 6-9p
- 09 BAY HARBOR ANNUAL MEETING 5p — PAVILION
- 12 Galveston Lofts Tour 9a-4p
- 16 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 20 GAIN meeting 5:30am at Moody Mansion
- 30 BHIA GARDEN CLUB MEETING-10A 3924 4th St
- 30 BHIA 4TH OF JULY PARADE and fish fry — 3p PAVILION

### JULY

- 04 HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA !!
- 14 Galveston Art Walk 6-9p
- 18 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody
- 21 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club